BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 96-272-C - ORDER NO. 96-851 / DECEMBER 6, 1996

IN RE: Application for Approval of Interconnection) ORDER
Agreement between BellSouth Telecommunica-) APPROVING
tions, Inc. and National Tel.) AGREEMENT

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") on the request of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"). Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), BellSouth and National Tel submitted to this Commission their negotiated agreement for the interconnection of their networks.

The Commission has examined this agreement and finds that it is consistent with the standards of Section 252(a)(1) and (e) of the Act. Therefore, we approve the agreement as filed since it is not discriminatory and is consistent with the public interest in that it promotes competition. We further hold, however, that the terms of this interconnection agreement are not to be considered a precedential standard for other agreements; this agreement is not binding on any other carrier.

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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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ATTEST:

Executive Director

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